

Please add the following claims:

- 17. A preparation of antibodies which specifically bind to a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of amino acids 234-248 of SEQ ID NO:1.
18. The preparation of antibodies of claim 4 wherein said antibodies are monoclonal antibodies.
19. The preparation of antibodies of claim 17 wherein said antibodies are monoclonal antibodies.
20. The preparation of antibodies of claim 4 wherein said antibodies are single chain antibodies.
21. The preparation of antibodies of claim 17 wherein said antibodies are single chain antibodies.
22. The preparation of antibodies of claim 4 wherein said antibodies are humanized antibodies.
23. The preparation of antibodies of claim 17 wherein said antibodies are humanized antibodies.--

Remarks

Applicants submit these remarks in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 1999 (Paper No. 11). Claim 4 was pending in the application as a result of a restriction requirement dated June 21, 1999. Claim 4 has been amended to recite SEQ ID NO:1, as SEQ ID NO:2 is included within the non-elected subject matter. Claims 17-23 are added by amendment herein, and do not contain new matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claim 4 is provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 4 of co-pending

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